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SUBJ: LIBYAN ARMY VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

REF: TRIPOLI 0445

1. WELL- KNOWN AND RESPECTED LOCAL FIRM, ARAB TRADING AND CONTRACTING COMPANY ( ATC), INFORMED US THE WEST GERMAN FIRM MERCEDES HAS OFFERED LARGE NUMBER OF MILITARY VEHICLES TO LAR ARMY. ATC HAS PERSUADED LARA TO POSTPONE FINAL DECISION ON EQUIPMENT FOR TEN DAYS SO THAT U. S. SUPPLIERS CAN MAKE COMPETITIVE OFFERS.

2. ATC URGENTLY REQUESTS QUOTATIONS COVERING NEAREST EQUIPVALENT TO FOLLOWING MERCEDES FIGURES:

A) UNIMOG 416.114 SIX CYLINDER DIESEL HYDROPOWER STEERING WHEELBASE 2900 MM ALTERNATIVELY 3400 MM WITH HEATING ALTERNATIVELY WITHOUT; WITHOUT PLATFORM OR STAT PILOT, FULLY SYNCHRONIZED TRANSMISSION WITH 2 X4 AND 4 REVERSE GEARS, FOURWHEEL DRIVE DISENGAGABLE FRONT AXLE, FRONT WINCH QUANTITY FROM FIFTY TO 300;

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B) UNIMOG 416.115 AS ABOVE SIX FORWARD AND TWO REVERSE GEARS, COMMAND CAR VAN BODY CLOSED CAB, VAN BODY WITH WALKWAY RECESS AND DOUBLE WALLED WALKWAY ROOF, AIRCONDITIONING SYSTEM AND SUN PROTECTION ROOF AND WARDROBE UNIT AND OFFICE CUPBOARDS ALSO ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT QUANTITY TEN;

C) TYPE LA 911/42 4 X4 MILITARY TRUCK MOBILE WIRELESS STATION ALLWHEEL DRIVE NATO EQUIPMENT INCLUDING GENERATOR AND MILITARY TYPE BULMHARDT VAN BODIES QUANTITY ONE;

D) MILITARY TRUCKS TYPE LAS 1924/36 4 X4 ALLWHEEL DRIVE LOWBED SEMI- TRAILERS TWENTY TONS PAYLOAD QUANTITY TEN;

E) TYPE LA911/36 4 X4 NATO EQUIPMENT INCLUDING GENERATOR 3 PHASE ALSO SPECIAL NATO TYPE PLATFORM QUANTITY TWO HUNDRED;

F) MILITARY TRUCKS TYPE LA 1113/42 4 X4 AS ( E) ABOVE QUANTITY TWO HUNDRED;

G) WATER TANKS TYPE LA 1113/36 MILITARY CAPACITY TTPPL PLUS 500 L QUANTITY THIRTY THREE;

H) FUEL TANKERS LA 11 1/36 CAPACITY 5500 L PLUS 500 L QUANTITY TWENTY- SIX;

I) MILITARY TRUCKS TYPE LA 1113/42 4 X4 SPARE PARTS STORE INCLUDING SHELVING, ETC. QUANTITY TWENTY;

J) MILITARY TRUCK TYPE LA 1113/42 4 X4 FOR TRANSPORT PARACHUTES QUANTITY ONE;

K) COMMAND TRUCK TYPE LA 1113/42 4 X4 QUANTITY ONE;

L) TRUCK TRACTOR TYPE LS 1924/36 WITH CARGO SEMI- TRAILERS 25 TONS PAYLOAD QUANTITY THIRTEEN.

3. QUOTATION BASIS CIF TRIPOLI PAYMENT IRREVOCABLE  
CONFIRMED LETTER CREDIT QUOTATION IN THREE COPIES  
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SHOULD INDICATE EARLIEST DELIVERY AND INCLUDE

SIX PERCENT ON CIF COVERING COMMISSION AND EXPENSES AND SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO LIBYAN ARMED FORCES AND PLACED IN SEALED ENVELOPE AND EXPRESS AIRMAILED TO ARAB TRADING AND CONTRACTING CO., BOX 336, TRIPOLI, LIBYA. EMBASSY SHOULD RECEIVE COPIES OF QUOTATIONS TO ENSURE DELIVERY TO ATC.

4. COMMENT: ATC' S SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR QUOTATIONS FOR MILITARY VEHICLES OFFER ATTRACTIVE COMMERCIAL PROSPECTS BUT AT SAME TIME BRING INTO SHARP FOCUS QUESTION OF BUILDING UP LAR' S ( OR OTHER POTENTIAL BENEFICIARY' S) MILITARY SINEWS. WE COME OUT RECOMMENDING THAT USG AND AMERICAN SUPPLIERS BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE, AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, REGARDING ALL EQUIPMENT THAT IS NOT REPEAT NOT SUBJECT TO EXPORT LICENSING, BUT THAT ITEMS REQUIRING LICENSES BE SCRUTINIZED VERY CAREFULLY.  
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